

Parentmail Friday 3rd October, 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I'm delighted to share with you the news that the PTA Cake and Uniform sale two weeks ago raised a wonderful £380! Thanks to all involved in the event - an excellent result!

Thank you also to all who attended the Reception Reading Meeting and afterwards the lovely PTA Teddy Bears' Picnic - such a pleasant event for our new families. Thank you the librarians for coming along to read stories, and to the PTA for organising.

We are currently auditing our reading books and have found that a large number are missing. Please would parents/carers have a good look at home and if you find any, please pass them on to your child's class teacher. (No judgement!!!) Thank you.

Thank you for your donations so far to our Harvest Food Bank collection - as always, your generosity is remarkable and deeply appreciated. We will be collecting right up to delivery day, which is Friday 17th October. Our Harvest collection is always a wonderful display and makes us proud of our families.

A reminder of what we are collecting for Harvest:

The following items are particularly requested by the Food Bank, but any and all non-perishable foodstuffs, and toiletries are gratefully received:

Tins of curry or chilli, tinned hot dog sausages, tinned fruit or veg, Long Life Milk, pasta, rice, squash / Long Life Juice, toilet rolls, shower gel, toothpaste, shampoo. Any other tinned or packet foods.

Thank you.

Wear Yellow for Mental Health Day - Friday 10th October

Next Friday pupils and staff are invited to wear yellow or bright colours for Mental Health Day. We will be collecting on the gate for Bronwen's Wish, a charity very close to our hearts here at Lakeside, and which funded our Ty Bronwen wellbeing pod. Thank you in advance.

Year 6 Remembrance Assembly - Tuesday 11th November, 9.15am

On Tuesday 11th November at 9.15am, Year 6 pupils will present their Remembrance Day assembly for Year 6 parents and carers. Please come to the KS2 entrance after drop-off. Thank you.

Lost Property

Please, please, please can parents and carers label their child's clothing and belongings with their child's name (and surname) as it's impossible for us to reunite items with their owners if we don't know who they belong to. Thank you.

Chess Club

Thank you for returning the Chess Club forms. We are currently organising the groups, and your child will be told shortly which group they are in and when their sessions start.

Prior to the start of Chess Club on **Saturday 18th October from 10am** Lakeside will be hosting a qualifying tournament for the London Junior Chess Championships. Please use this link to access information and if your child would like to enter, click on *Entry Form* at the top of the page.

[London Junior CC](#)

Lakeside is delighted and proud to have been given the opportunity to host this event.

A reminder of the dates of Parent Consultations: Reception to Year 6

These will take place as follows:

Thursday 16th October

Tuesday 21st October

Sessions will start at 3.40pm and take place in the school halls (Reception to Year 2 in the Small Hall - enter via main entrance; Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 in the Big Hall - enter via KS2 entrance). The booking system will go live at 6pm on Thursday 9th October.

Curriculum Meetings

Thank you for attending your children's Curriculum Meetings over the past few weeks. We hope that you found them informative and useful. The powerpoints used in each presentation are now on the school website > Children/Plant > your child's year group.

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend.

Best wishes,
Rachel Mitchell

Upcoming events / Term dates

October 2025

Friday 10th October – pupils and staff wear yellow/bright colours for Wear Yellow for Mental Health Day (Bronwen's Wish fundraiser)

Monday to Friday 13th to 17th October - Cycle to School Week: children will be encouraged to cycle or scooter to school and the Lakeside Citizens pupil group will be running a Cycle-themed competition.

Wednesday 15th October – pupils and staff wear red to school and enjoy Welsh-themed activities to celebrate Shwmae Day

Thursday 16th October - Parent Consultations

Friday 17th October – Food Bank donations delivered to Emmanuel Baptist Church in Gabalfa

Saturday 18th October - Lakeside hosts the Cardiff qualifying round in the London Junior Chess Championships

Monday 20th October – Diwali

Tuesday 21st October - Parent Consultations

Thursday 23rd October – PTA SPOOKS & SPARKLES DISCO Foundation Phase: 5 – 5.45pm; Key Stage 2: 6-7pm.

Friday 24th October – break up for Half Term break

November 2025

Monday 3rd November – pupils return to school

Wednesday 5th November - Colorfoto individual photos

Thursday 6th November – Year 6 Open Evening a Cardiff High School 4-6pm

Monday 10th – Friday 14th November – Anti-bullying Week

Tuesday 11th November – Remembrance Day - Year 6 assembly for parents/carers 9.15am

Friday 14th November – Children in Need Day

Friday 28th November – we learn all about Advent and light the first candle. The remaining candles will be lit on the following three Fridays

Friday 28th November – PTA Christmas Fair after school

December

Sunday 7th December - PTA Christmas Fun Run, Roath Park 9-11am

Friday 12th December – Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children fundraiser)

Friday 19th December – break up for Christmas

Thursday 25th December – Christmas Day

January 2026

Monday 5th January – INSET DAY

Tuesday 6th January – pupils return to school

Term dates

2025-2026 Academic year

Autumn Term 2025

INSET DAY	Monday 1 st September	
INSET DAY	Tuesday 2 nd September	
1 st day for pupils	Wednesday 3 rd September	
Break up for Half Term	Friday 24 th October	
HALF TERM BREAK	Monday 27 th October	Friday 31 st October
Return to school	Monday 3 rd November	
Break up for Christmas	Friday 19 th December	

Spring Term 2026

INSET DAY	Monday 5 th January	
1 st day for pupils	Tuesday 6 th January	
Break up for Half Term	Friday 13 th February	
HALF TERM BREAK	Monday 16 th February	Friday 20 th February
Return to school	Monday 23 rd February	
Break up for Easter	Friday 27 th March	
EASTER BREAK	Monday 30 th March	Friday 10 th April

Summer Term 2026

Return to school	Monday 13 th April	
Break up for Half Term	Friday 22 nd May	
HALF TERM BREAK	Monday 25 th May	Friday 29 th May
Return to school	Monday 1 st June	
Last day for pupils before Summer Break	Friday 17 th July	
INSET DAY	Monday 20 th July	